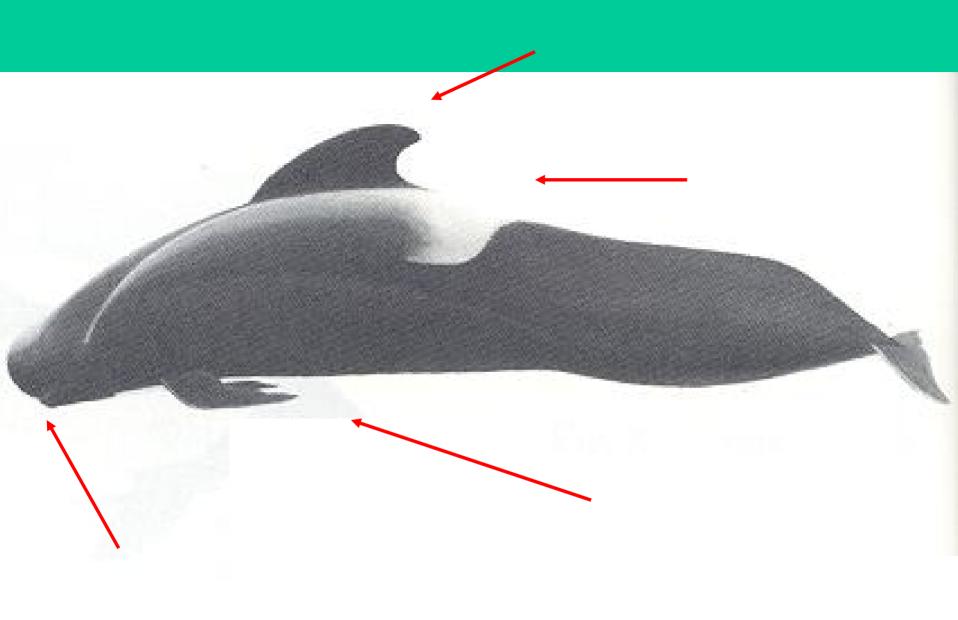
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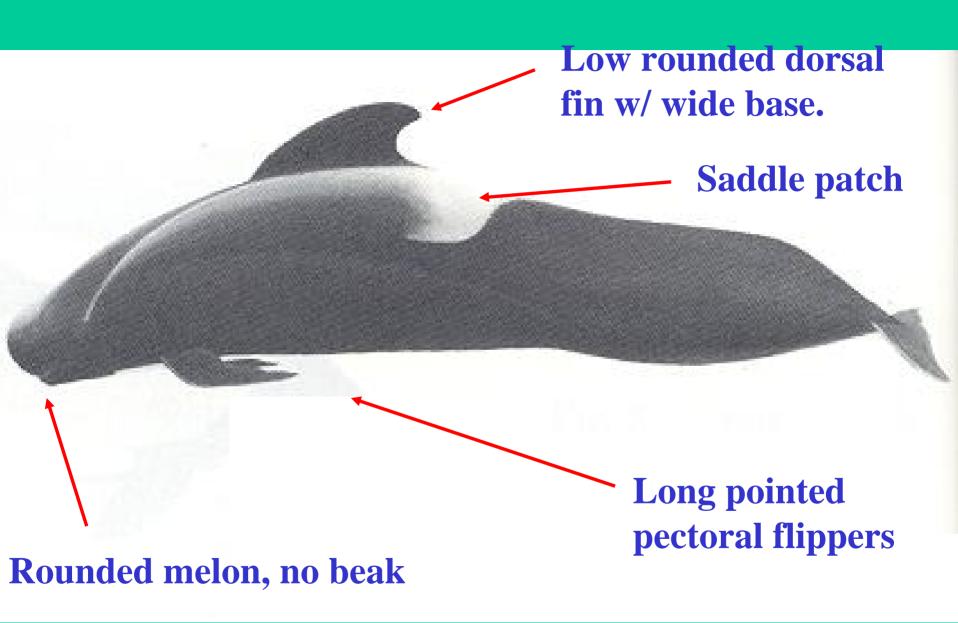
A photographic identification guide to the species of Globicephalinae (aka "Blackfish") in Hawaiian and Central N. Pacific.

#### The species covered in this presentation.

- Short-finned pilot whale
- False killer whale
- Melon-headed whale
- Pygmy killer whale

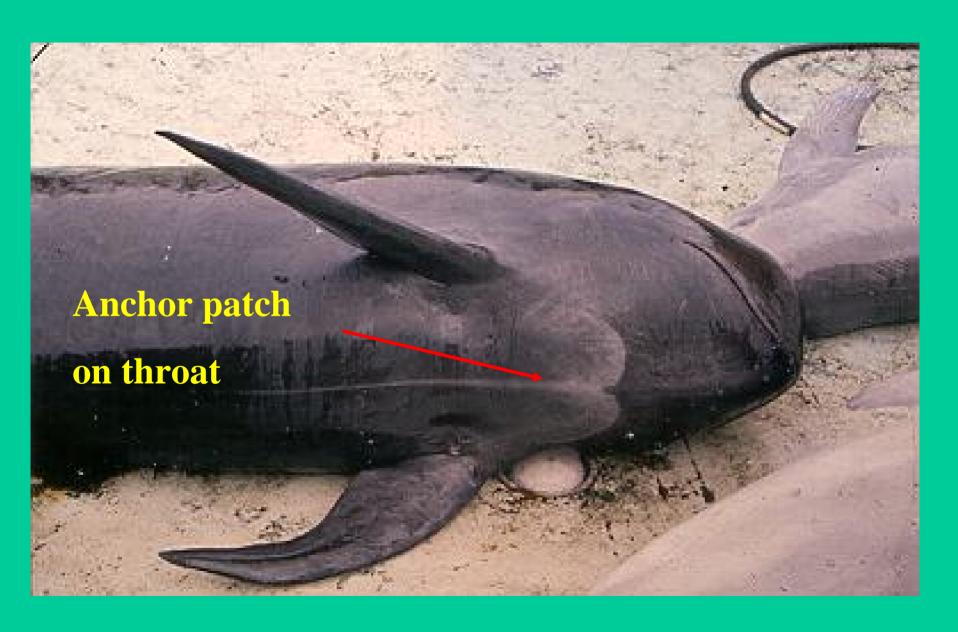


**Short-finned Pilot Whale** 



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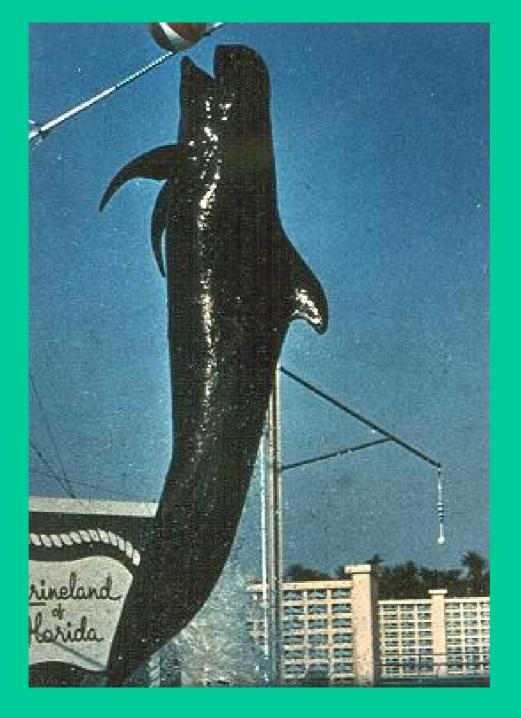






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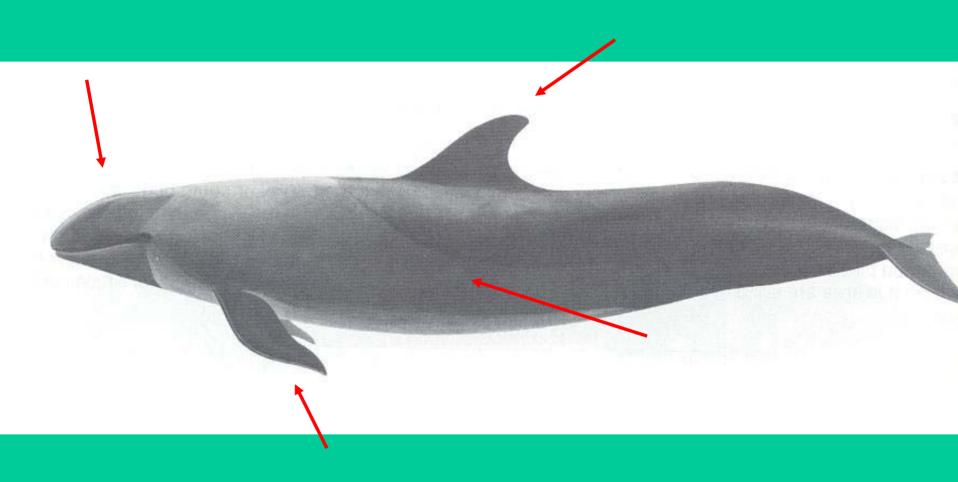












**False Killer Whale** 

## **Rounded falcate** dorsal fin **Rounded conical snout Black body coloration** S-curved flipper

**False Killer Whale** 





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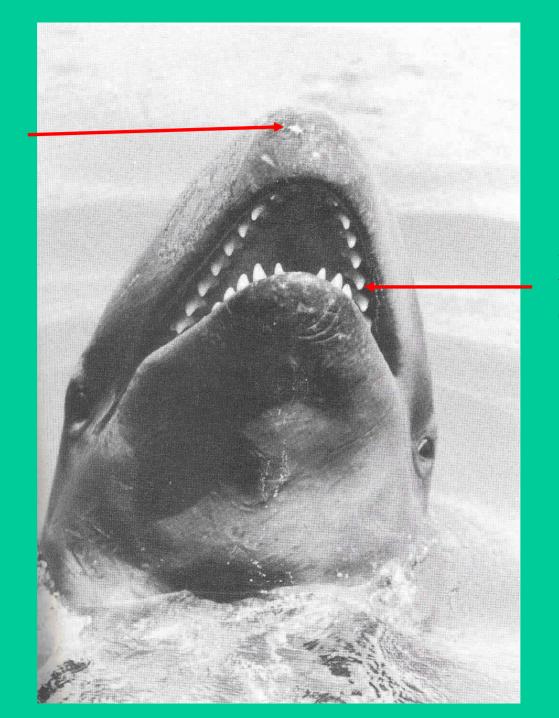
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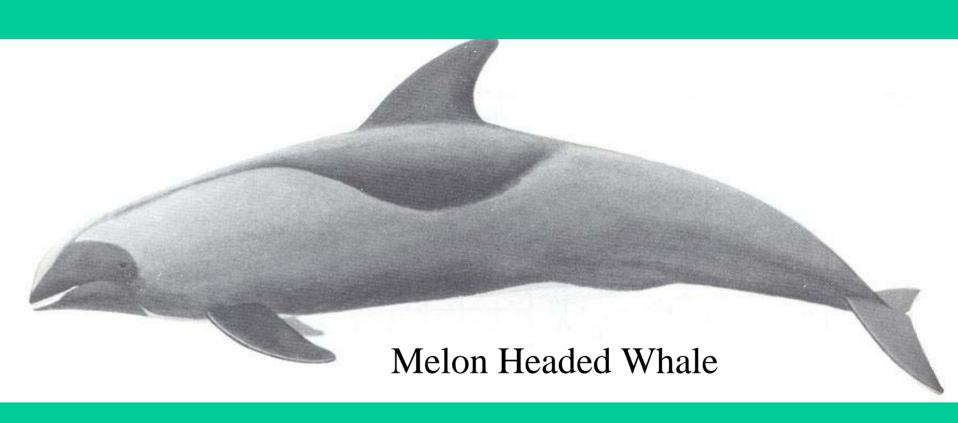


### Note: shape of snout



Note: shape of teeth







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A pod of appx. 200 Melon-headed whales near Kauai. (7/04)

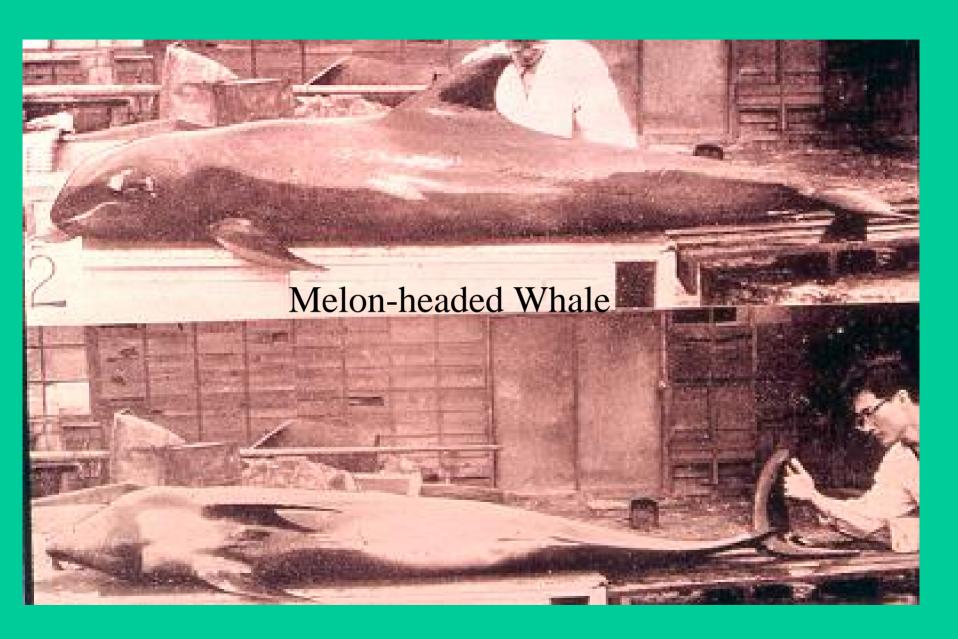




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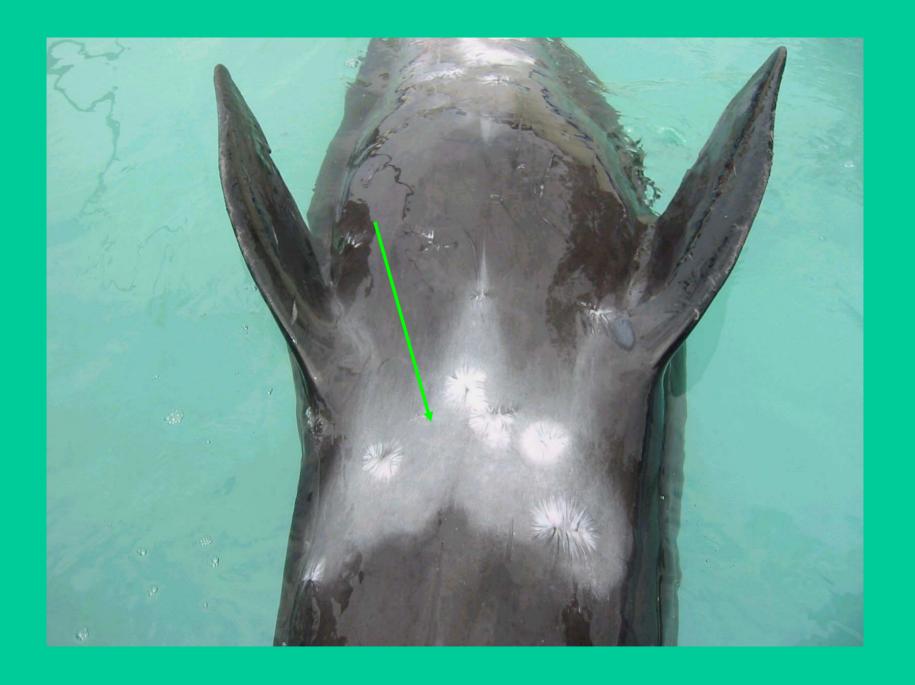
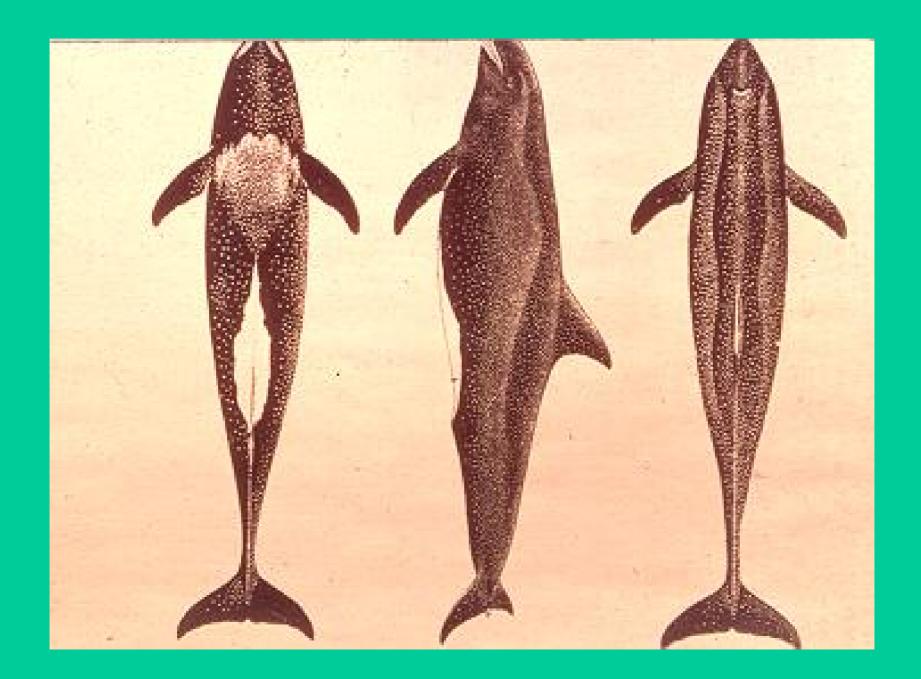


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### **Pygmy Killer Whale**

